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PART II - MISCELLANEOUS NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

**COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KURNOOL**

R.Dis.REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL.

Dated: 05-02-2025.

CASTE CERTIFICATE - KURNOOL DISTRICT - KALLUR MANDAL - KALLUR VILLAGE - Sri CHOWLAM SANDEEP KUMAR, S/o CHOWLAM PAPANNA - OBTAINED SC-C (MALA) CASTE CERTIFICATE FROM THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KALLUR VIDE APPLICATION No.2009522, DATED: 04.05.2009 - INQUIRY CONDUCTED BY THE DLSC HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND JOINT COLLECTOR, KURNOOL - CANCELLATION OF CASTE CERTIFICATE.

- Ref:-
1. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool Lr.No.Rc.E.584/2024, Dt: 15.06.2024.
 2. This office Notice in Form-V in REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL,Dt: 10/10/2024.
 3. Findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee, Kurnool in REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dated: 19.10.2024.
 4. This Office Notice REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dated: 17.12.2024.

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ORDER:

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool submitted that, Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal, Kurnool District has put an application before the Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal and requested for cancellation of SC (Mala) Caste Certificate and to issue afresh BC-C (Converted Christian) Community Certificate to him.

In this connection, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool submitted that the Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal enquired into the matter and reported that, Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna aged 36 Years, R/o 49/50a/87f/17e, Lakshmi Nagar, Kurnool belongs to SC (Mala) Caste by birth, but presently, he is professing and practicing Christian religion and also taken Baptism Certificate issued by Church of South India, Diocese of Nandyal. Further the Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal reported that, the applicant believes in Jesus, offering prayers and got baptized, and also stated that he is willing to take converted Christian BC-C Certificate and also stated that in future he will not claim the caste of Schedule Caste.

Based on the report of the Tahsildar, Kallur, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool recommended for cancellation of the Caste Certificate issued in favor of Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna vide Caste Certificate No. 2009522, Dt:04.05.2009 issued by the then Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal after giving an opportunity to him.

After considering the reports submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool and the Tahsildar, Kallur, as it requires an inquiry to be conducted by the District Level Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste, the matter has been referred U/r 5(i) of Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes - Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificates rules, 1997 to the District Level Scrutiny Committee headed by the Joint Collector and Chairman formed at District Level under Rule 8 of the said rules, to inquire into and recommendations of the Committee. On receipt of the recommendations the Scrutiny Committee, the Competent Authority shall accordingly confirm or reject the claims of the applicants. The Joint Collector and Chairman of the DLSC, Kurnool has taken up the case and issued a Notice in Form-V vide REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dated:10/10/2024 to Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal, Kurnool District through the Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal with a direction to attend hearing before the Scrutiny Committee on 19.10.2024 at 03:00 Pm/ Accordingly, he attended before the scrutiny committee.

During the enquiry, the Joint Collector and Chairman of the DLSC, Kurnool verified the reports submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool and the Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal and observed that, the applicant Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna converted from SC (Mala) to BC-C (Converted Christian) and obtained certificate of Baptism, Diocese of Nandyal from the Deanery Chairman, CSI Church Pastorate-II, Kurnool.

The District Level Scrutiny Committee has submitted its findings that, after having perused the records and evidence placed before the committee, the D.L.S.C., recommended for issuance of BC-C (Converted Christian) to Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna based on Baptism certificate and to cancel the caste certificate obtained by him vide Appli. No. 2009522, Dt: 04.05.2009 issued by the then Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal.

In this regard, as per Circular Memo.10956/CV.1/97-2, dated: 16th February 1998 of Social Welfare (CV) Department Points to be observed;

Point 2 (VIII) (iv): Certain instances have been brought to the notice of the Government that often Scheduled Caste persons, even while professing the religious beliefs and practices of Christianity, are claiming the status of Scheduled Castes by stating that they have not been "Baptised" into Christianity. Though "Baptism is a requirement for conversion to Christianity yet many a times even without the formal initiation by way of "Baptism", the applicants do profess and practice the religious beliefs, ceremonies, festivals etc., of Christianity. Therefore, the Competent Authority must establish clearly through local enquires the actual religion being professed by the applicant as established by his conduct and issue a certificate as a scheduled Caste only to those persons who profess either Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism, but not Christianity. Scheduled Caste persons who are professing Christianity are not entitled to claim status on par with the Scheduled Castes, as listed out in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) and (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 as amended in 1976.

Finally, the District Level Scrutiny Committee has recommended for issuance of BC-C (Converted Christian) to Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna based on Baptism certificate and to cancel the SC (Mala) Caste certificate obtained by him vide Appli. No. 2009522, Dt: 04.05.2009 issued by the then Tahsildar, Kallur Mandal.

As per Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993,

"(1) Where, before or after the commencement of this Act a person not belonging to any of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes has obtained a false Community Certificate to the effect that either himself or his children belongs to such Castes, Tribes or Classes, the District Collector may either suomotu or on a written complaint by any

person, call for the record and enquire into the correctness of such certificate and if he is of the opinion that the certificate was obtained fraudulently, he shall, by notification, cancel the certificate after giving the person concerned an opportunity of making representation:

Provided that where an enquiry into the genuineness of a community certificate issued prior to the commencement of this Act has commenced and is pending at such commencement, the record thereof shall be transferred by the concerned authority to the District Collector and he shall continue the enquiry and conclude the same under this subsection.

Finally, a Notice vide REV-CSEC0VC/3/2024-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dated:17.12.2024 was issued to Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal with a direction to submit his objections/remarks on the findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee under Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 within 7 (Seven) days from the date of receipt of the notice.

Accordingly, vide reference 4th cited, Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal, Kurnool District has represented and stated that, he has applied for BC-C (SC Converted to Christian) accordingly, the matter was placed before the DLSA on 19.10.2024 at 3:00 PM in the Joint Collector Chamber, Kurnool. Further, he has submitted that, after perused the records and evidence placed before committee, the DLSC recommended for issuance of BC-C (converted Christian). In this regard, he don't have any remarks/objections on cancellation of SC-C Caste Certificate obtained from the then Tahsildar, Kallur vide Application No.2009522, Dated: 04.05.2009 and requested to issue BC-C (Converted Christian).

In view of the above, I P. Ranjit Basha, I.A.S., Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993, the SC (Mala) caste certificate of Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal, Kurnool District obtained from the then Tahsidlar, Kallur vide Application No. 2009522, Dated:04.05.2009 is hereby cancelled.

The appeal lies before the Government of Andhra Pradesh within 30 days from the publication of order in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette as per Section 7(2) of Act 16 of 1993.

P. RANJIT BASHA,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Kurnool.

To

Sri Chowlam Sandeep Kumar, S/o Chowlam Papanna, R/o Kallur Village & Mandal,
Kurnool District //BY RPAD//